# Home Weatherization Assistance Program



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### Scaling Up

	Projected Units	Added Units	Increase over prior year production
SFY 22 - current year	1312	257	24%
SFY 23	1548	236	18%
SFY 24	1780	232	15%
SFY 25	1852	72	4%
SFY 26	1926	74	4%
	8418		

SFY 26 is an 83% increase in production over SFY 21 Assumes inflationary increase in average cost per unit (ACPU) approx 25% increase between current year & SFY 26

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SFY 22 - 26 Revenue Sources in millions	
HWAP & LIHEAP* (base)	54
DOE (base)	8
LIHEAP ARPA	3.9
ARPA SFR (awarded)	4
ARPA SFR (recommend)	45
DOE Infrastructure (anticipated)	15
ARPA SFR Admin (anticipated)**	1.4
	131.3

SFY22 - 26 Activities in millions	
Core Weatherization Assistance***	116.1
OEO Admin** & Hancock Energy Software	4.2
Trucks & Equipment	2.1
Vermicullite, Home Repair, Heat Pumps, Stoves	8.9
	131.3

<sup>\*</sup>Assumes level funding from Home Weatherization Assistance Fund and "swap" with LIHEAP

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes the addition of 3 limited service positions to support administration, training, and monitoring

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Includes direct funding to 3E Thermal for multi-family weatherization (5+ units)

#### **Technical Fix**

#### 33 V.S.A. § 2502

- (b) In addition, the Director shall supplement, or supplant, any federal program with the State Home Weatherization Assistance Program.
- (1) The State program shall provide an enhanced weatherization assistance amount exceeding the federal per unit limit allowing amounts up to an average of \$8,500.00 per unit allocated on a cost-effective basis. The allowable average per unit may be adjusted to account for the lower cost per unit of multifamily buildings. In units where costs exceed the allowable average by more than 25 percent, prior approval of the Director of the State Economic Opportunity Office shall be required before work commences. This amount shall be adjusted annually to account for inflation of materials and labor. by increasing the last year's amount by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the previous year.

Goal: provide more flexibility in how OEO accounts for inflation. The CPI is too limited.